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Three reliable US observers, Senator Richard Russell, Lt. Col. E. U. Hathaway, Army, Mr. Ruben Efron, visited Prague 12-13 October. Arriving direct from Kiev, via Baku, Tiflis, Dnieper Petrovsk, Black Sea Area, and reported following to USAIRA and USARMA:

On 4 October 1955 at 1910 hours between Atjaty and Adzhijabul, 10 minutes by rail after departing Atjaty in Trans Caucasus Region, 2 round and circular unconventional aircraft resembling flying discs or flying saucers were seen taking off almost vertically one minute apart. Disc aircraft ascended near dusk with outer surface revolving to right slowly and with 2 lights stationary on top near middle part. Sparks or flame seen coming from aircraft. No protrusions seen on aircraft which passed over observers' train. Both flying disc aircraft ascended relatively slowly to about 6,000 then speed increased sharply in horizontal flight both on northerly heading. Flying altitude of disc remained same during ascent as in cruise, like a discus in flight. Two operating searchlights pointing almost vertical seen near take-off area located about 1-2 miles south of railroad line. After sighting, Soviet train men became excited and lowered curtains and refused permission to look out windows. US observers firmly believe these unconventional aircraft are

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flying saucer or disc aircraft. USAIRA rates info B-2.

On 9 October 1955 at Dnieper Petrovsk Airfield, Hathaway reported 42 stubby jet fighters not ragots and 1 multi jet bomber described as: One half again as long as US C-47, engine canvas covered buried wing types, canopy well forward near blunt nose; tricycle gear; definite swayback shape on top of fuselage; severely swept wings set in middle of fuselage and located almost midway from nose to tail, tail plane located low beneath bottom level of vertical fin; vertical fin swept with squared top; and silver bulbous bulge at tail cone extending rearward of rudder line. Dnieper Petrovsk Airfield was grass sod. At Baku long train loaded with many platoon size landing craft. 42 Kilometers from Moscow on on Moscow to Minsk highway, 250 yards right of road, party sighted radar site tentatively identified here as one wood-gage or gage and one square Polefrefya.

Recommend complete debriefing of Russell group upon return and suggest commendation from D/I for efforts. Russel group departed Prague aboard Swissair for Rome 13 October.

*Re: this is near place where
Naval attaché saw probable BADGE
appx 2 yrs ago when it must have
been in prototype stage.*

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